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HOUSE RESOLUTION 195
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Ted E. Bear Academy and its staff for their commitment to excellence in child care.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly honor those outstanding individuals and establishments that strive for excellence in servicing our children; and

WHEREAS, the Ted E. Bear Academy is one such noteworthy business, providing exceptional child care services for numerous working families in the greater Bristol community; and

WHEREAS, Ted E. Bear Academy was recently acknowledged for its extraordinary commitment to excellence in child care by the State's Star Quality Program, earning a remarkable two stars on its Star Quality Report Card; and

WHEREAS, administered by the Tennessee Department of Human Services, Star Quality is a voluntary program that acknowledges and encourages quality child care; the participating child care homes and centers earn one, two, or three stars based on the extent to which their program exceeds the State's minimum licensing standards; and

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WHEREAS, Ted E. Bear Academy has met and, in some instances, surpassed the exceptionally challenging standards of the Star Quality Program; the Academy embodies excellence in child care services through its compliance with state licensing rules, staff training, education, and experience requirements, ratios of caregivers to children and group sizes, parental involvement standards, and on-site assessment of activities and interaction between children and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the Star Quality Program assists parents in choosing extraordinary care for their children, as well as helping hard-working child care providers know where they can improve; and

WHEREAS, our collective future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to children today; this State is fortunate to have such an extraordinary resource as the Ted E. Bear Academy caring for and nurturing our young children; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby recognize and honor the Ted E. Bear Academy and its owner and staff for the exceptional quality of child care they provide, congratulate them on being awarded two stars in the Star Quality Report Card Program, and extend to the owner and staff our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.